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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

- Rathenow - Hans Franke.

- (2) the "Dimitroff-Ensemble" of the Oberschule in Falkensee.

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- (3) the ensemble of Stadtkapell Brandenburg, the director of which also conducts two church choirs in Berlin.
- (4) the choir of Oberschule Rheinsberg.
- (5) the "Karl-Marx Choir" of Oberschule Rathenow (directed by Dieter Nachtigall).

The cultural instructor's responsibility for these ensembles is nominal, since in practice they are controlled by central offices in Berlin. They receive large subsidies through the Office for Youth Questions in the Bezirk Council. (The "Stefan-Hermlin Ensemble", for example, has plenty of money.) Good ensembles receive an average of 10,000 DME annually from the Bezirk Council. They also receive special financial subsidies for special performances and at the end of the year when all unused Bezirk funds are distributed.

In 1952 and 1953, the FDJ sponsored a musical-instrument program. An allocation of 3.5 million DME was made in 1952 for this program throughout the Soviet Zone. Potsdam received 134,000 DME in 1952 and 30,000 DME in 1953. Thus in 1952 the Bezirk Directorate, Potsdam, obtained a wind-instrument orchestra for 15,000 DME, flutes for 7,500 DME, 32 accordions for 400 DME each, as well as trumpets, guitars, mandolins, etc. Distribution of the instruments did not follow a set pattern. Anyone who came to the Bezirk Directorate and asked for instruments got them. No one knows where most of the instruments are today. The cultural instructor was told by the Zentralrat that it would be sufficient if he could show where at least two-thirds of the instruments are. In Potsdam Bezirk there are still a few brass bands. These have to be organized anew in preparation for each special occasion (for 1 May, for example). No single Kreis FDJ cultural groups exist within its area.

There is an incredible waste of money in all phases of FDJ work. A total allocation of 80,000 DME was made to the Agitation and Propaganda Department. By November the sum had been completely spent. The budget for the Bezirk is 100,000 DME. The Kreis receive 10,000 DME each. The Bezirk receive 10,000 DME each.

Secretaries	- 1,000 DME
Department chiefs	- 850 DME
Instructors	- 700 DME
	- 450 - 500 DME

Formerly, salaries were higher, but they were down-graded in September 1952. After the First Secretary, the highest-paid employees are the chauffeurs, who receive 700-800 DME monthly, including overtime. Each chauffeur has a personal account and receives .16 DME for each kilometer. From this money he has to pay for gas and minor repairs. The result of this system is that each chauffeur takes good care of his BMW and makes necessary repairs promptly. Gasoline is available in unlimited quantities and is frequently embezzled by functionaries in the Bezirk Directorate. The Kreis Directorates, on the other hand, receive a monthly ration of 200-350 liters of gasoline, and when the supply is exhausted they receive no help from the Bezirk Directorate. As an example of the widespread waste of money, it is reported that urgent priority telephone calls (Blitzgesprache) costing 80 DME are a common occurrence in the Bezirk Directorate. Once a week all FDJ Kreis Directorates have to submit reports to the Bezirk Directorate by telephone. Frequently these reports are merely negative. On special occasions, daily telephone reports must be made by the Kreis Directorates. More examples of waste were reported.

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In 1953, the FDJ Bezirk Directorate issued a poster depicting an FDJ member and a KVP man. When the poster was finished, it was discovered that instead of the KVP's insignia of rank, there was a Soviet star. The posters, which had cost 5,000 DME, were destroyed. From time to time invitations to conferences are sent too late to the FDJ Kreis Directorates. However, this does not deter the functionaries of the Bezirk Directorate from ordering quarters, food, and theater tickets for the invited guests. On one such occasion, invitations were sent late and not one functionary showed up; as a result the Bezirk Directorate had to pay 500 DME for unused theater tickets.

Membership figures given on paper do not correspond with the actual figures and no more than 30 to 40 percent of the registered FDJ members pay their dues. Even in the Bezirk Directorate only 50 percent of the members pay FDGB membership dues regularly, and one section chief recently had to pay 150 DME in back dues.

Official FDJ membership figures for Bezirk Potsdam, as presented to the Zentralrat, totaled 42,950. Broken down by Kreise they were as follows:

Potsdam-Stadt	6,000
Potsdam-Land	2,500
Brandenburg-Stadt	5,000
Brandenburg-Land	2,400
Rathenow	2,600
Belzig	2,100
Jueterbog	1,800
Luckenwalde	2,800
Koenigswusterhausen	2,000
Oranienburg	2,200
Zossen	1,750
Wittstock	400
Pritzwalk	2,300
Neuruppin	2,900
Kyritz	1,600
Nauen	2,600
Gransee	2,000
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Of these, about 30 percent pay dues regularly. An average of 10 to 25 percent attend the meetings. Young people between the ages of 13 and 25 are eligible for membership in the FDJ. The designation "Friend of Youth" for FDJ members above 25 years of age no longer exists. However, persons over 25 years old may work in the FDJ at any time. Recently attempts have been made to reorganize youth work by making an SED functionary in each locality and each factory responsible for the direction of FDJ work. However, an official decree on this subject has not yet been issued. Recently FDJ units have been organized in the 8th grades of grammar schools because many of those who belonged to the Young Pioneers failed to join the FDJ after graduating from school and beginning their apprenticeship. Consequently, the FDJ lost track of them completely.

The present list of all FDJ Kreis Directorates in Bezirk Potsdam is as follows:

a) The First Secretary is responsible for all political work, and especially for liaison with the Kommandatura, the Sfs, the SED Kreis Directorate, and the KVP. Recently he has also been assigned the badly neglected task of handling literature.

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b) The Second Secretary has similar to those of the Second Secretary in the SED Directorates. He deals mainly with organizational problems and to a certain extent he is responsible for the development of Verbands-leben as well as for direction of the Verbandsorgane. In this connection, he controls the work of the area instructors, of whom there are three to six in each Kreis Directorate.

c) The work of the area instructors (Gebietsinstruktoren) is adapted to the individual MTS stations in the Kreis.

d) The Third Secretary is responsible for the Young Pioneers and for school problems.

e) The former Fourth Secretary (for Agitation and Propaganda) is now equal in rank to a department chief. However, he participates in the conferences of the Secretariat. Subordinate to him are: (1) an instructor for the FDJ school year; (2) an instructor for cultural work.

f) The Referent for Youth Problems in the Kreis Council also participates in the conferences of the Secretariat.

g) There is a cadre instructor for each Kreis Directorate although the Secretariat has collective responsibility for cadre problems. The main task of the cadre instructor is to present suggestions to the Secretariat and to work on the cadre register. He is also responsible for information concerning membership figures.

h) There are also two instructors for pioneer work, one instructor for the distribution of literature, and one specialist for financial questions.

i) Altogether, there are about fifteen functionaries in each Kreis Directorate. Each Kreis has one car and one to six motorcycles, as well as bicycles available for use by the area instructors.

j) The Kreis organizations receive 40 DME per month from the Zentralrat for cultural purposes. Additional work subsidies are included in the budgets for the Kreis Councils.

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d) Ilse Weintraut of the Potsdam Landestheater. She was ordered by the SED to join her activities, which had been outstanding in many fields, began of last year when, contrary to her expecta-

1. [redacted] the Referenten for Youth Questions in the Bezirk Councils of the FDJ Bezirk Secretariats.

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1. [redacted] The only exception is the Wittstock Kreis Directorate, which is only smaller since there are only 400 FDJ members in the area.

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